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FACSIMILE COVER SHEET

Attached hereto please find the following papers filed in connection with the above identified application:

- 1) Response to Election of Species;
- 2) Preliminary Amendment; and
- 3) Fee Transmittal Sheet.

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the election requirement mailed on December 6, 2004, Applicant hereby elects the species covered by claims 1-10. Elected claims 1-10 relate to the single disclosed species shown in Figures 3A-3K of the present application (embodiment 1).

Non-elected claims 11-20 relate to the embodiment shown in Figures 4A-4G of the present application.

In addition, attached hereto please find a preliminary amendment adding new claim 21 readable onto the elected species. New claim 21 is believed to be generic to the elected species.

Applicant's election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to
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additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of the generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

A prompt and favorable action on the merits of this application is now respectfully requested.

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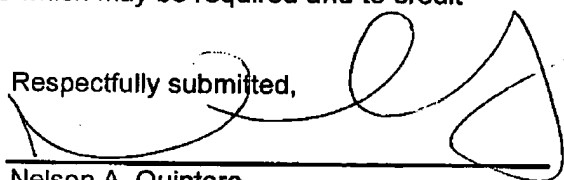
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM****1. Fee Calculation****CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

	Claims remaining after amendment		Claims previously paid for		Present Extra		Rate		Additional fee
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	21	-	20	=	1	x	50	\$	50
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	3	-	3	=	0	x	200	\$	0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))						+		\$	

☐ Applicant is a small entity.Total Additional \$ 50**2. Authorization to Charge Deposit Account**

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